

Bitty Bear Paw Block: Quiltmaker Magazine, May 2015

Background: Red

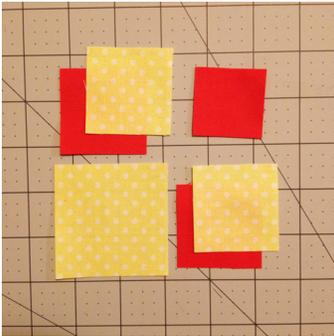
2 squares $1\frac{7}{8}'' \times 1\frac{7}{8}''$

1 square $1\frac{1}{2}'' \times 1\frac{1}{2}''$

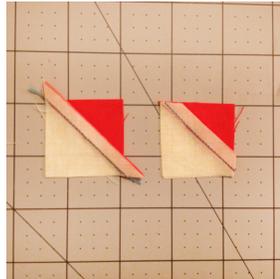
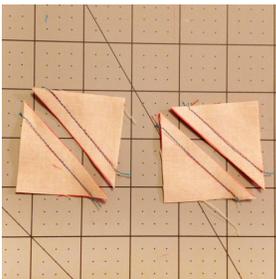
Paw: Yellow Polka Dot

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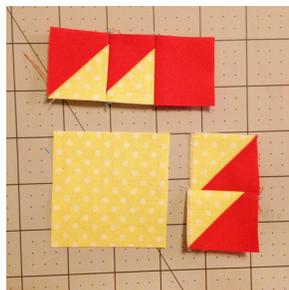
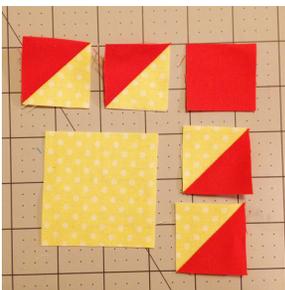
1 square $2\frac{1}{2}'' \times 2\frac{1}{2}''$



To make the claws of the paw, match the $1\frac{7}{8}'' \times 1\frac{7}{8}''$ background squares to the $1\frac{7}{8}'' \times 1\frac{7}{8}''$ paw squares, right sides together. Mark a diagonal line from corner to corner. Sew $\frac{1}{4}''$ out from each side of the line. Then cut on the marked line and press the seam toward the darker fabric.

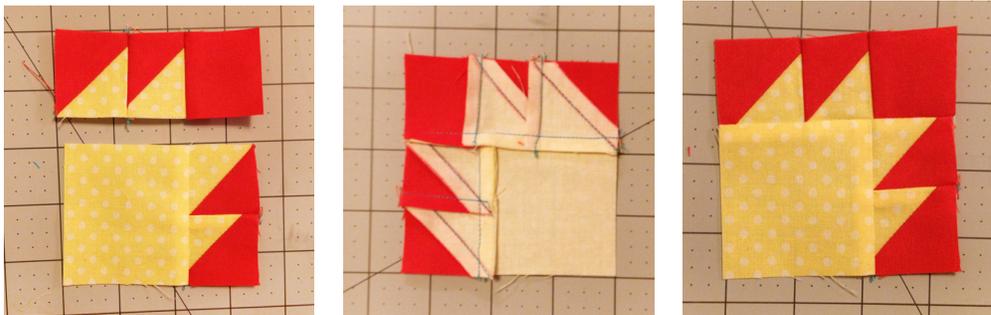


Press the seams and trim the dog ears. You now have four claws. Arrange the block pieces as shown below:



Assembling the Block:

- 1) Sew two claws and 1-1/2" x 1-1/2" background square in a row. Press the seams towards the background square.
- 2) Sew the remaining two claws together and press the seam toward the 1-1/2" x 1-1/2" background square.
- 3) Attach the two right claws to the 2-1/2" x 2-1/2" paw square and press the seam towards the 2-1/2" square.



- 4) Lastly sew the two sections together and press the seam towards the larger section. You now have now completed the Bitty Bear Paw! Woohoo!!

Double Blocks: The cutting list below notes to cut one of each piece, however if you layer your two fabrics together when cutting, you will have enough pieces to make two contrasting blocks at once.

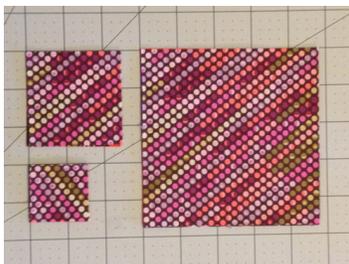
Background:

- 1 square 3-3/4" x 3-3/4" – used for making the half-square triangles
- 1 square 1-1/2" x 1-1/2"

Paw

- 1 square 3-3/4" x 3-3/4" - used for making the half-square triangles
- 1 square 2-1/2" x 2-1/2"

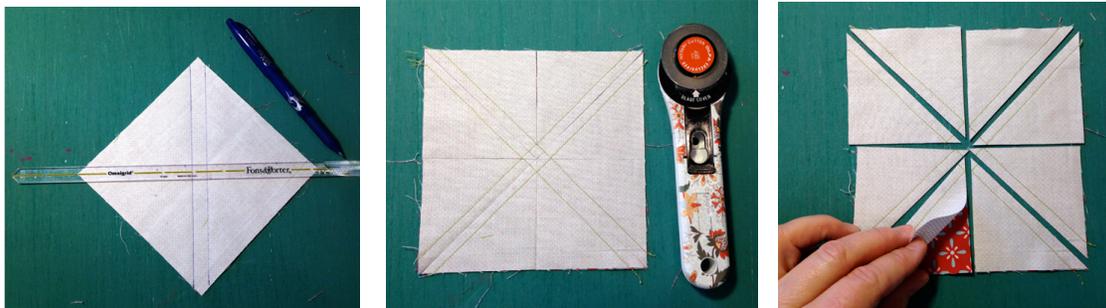
- 1.) Lay the two fabrics right sides up on top of each other, and cut out the listed pieces.



Making the half-square triangles:

Note: the fabrics used in this demonstration are different from my choices, since these images are referenced from Diane's previous blog post.

Place the background and paw $3\text{-}3/4''$ x $3\text{-}3/4''$ squares right sides together. On the wrong side of either square, mark $1/4''$ out from the diagonal center in both directions. Diane suggests using a [Quarter-Inch Seam Marker](#), but you can use any quilting ruler that's long enough to cover the diagonal.



Cut on the vertical and horizontal centers of the squares (in other words, cut down the middle, both ways) by lining up the ruler as shown. On $3\text{-}3/4''$ squares (for $1''$ finished triangle-squares), halfway across is $1\text{-}7/8''$. Make a second set of cuts between the lines of stitching as shown.

You'll get 8 half-square triangles using this method. This is enough to make two Bear Paw blocks at once, woo hoo!!

From this point continue to assemble the units as noted in part one to complete the blocks. You will have two contrasting blocks!



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